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"And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."—James iii:18.

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Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year, and the wind-up of the shopping will be done on good old Saturday night. The combination of Saturday night and Christmas Eve should result in something special along the line of the noise and merry-making, which have in the past made Christmas Eve the carnival night of the year.

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## WOMAN LOCATES STAR.

Still another new star has been discovered by Mrs. Williamina Fleming of the Harvard College Observatory, according to announcement made by Professor Edward C. Pickering. There have been only sixteen new stars found during the last twenty-five years, and of these thirteen have been discovered by women.

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There has been a revival of cotton-growing in Hawaii recently on this island.

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On November 16 the Oahu Railway and Land Company reached its majority and took its place among the mature organizations of the country, for that was the date, twenty-one years ago, when the first train was run over the line, as far as Moanalua. Although B. F. Dillingham, the promoter, founder and booster of that railroad line, which was in the early days called "Dillingham's Folly," and his son, Walter F. Dillingham, remembered the occasion during the week, he and all others connected with the company were just a trifle too busy to stop and drink a bumper to the health of the twenty-one-year-old concern.

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"I am fully persuaded that Honolulu has the noblest body of business men that I have en-

countered in any city. They are broad-minded, not governed by denominational prejudices; they are liberal, not stingy and niggardly; they are unselfish, not hampered by narrow self-interest; they are sympathetic, not cold-hearted and stoical; they are really warmhearted, philanthropic and generous."—Rev. Dr. Jones.

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Flannigan—"Phot would yez do if yez lived to be two hundred years old?" Lannigan: "Oi don't know yit."—Brooklyn Life.

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## OLD SHOES AT THE WEDDING.

The custom of throwing old shoes after the newly married couple is said to come from an old custom in vogue in the days of the patriarchs when an old shoe was given to the new owner of land as a sign of surrender of the property. The bride's father gave an old shoe to the bridegroom as a token that he surrendered his daughter.

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Seize, then, the minutes as they pass;

The woof of life is thought;  
Warm up the colors, let them glow

By fire or fancy fraught.  
Live to some purpose, make thy life—

A gift of use to thee—  
A joy, a good, a golden hope,  
A heavenly argosy.

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Eight hundred have lost their lives in the great forest fires along the Minnesota-Canadian border. Out of the 12,000 inhabitants of the fire-swept region 2000 are missing, while 5000 are homeless. A stretch of country eighty-five miles long has been laid waste, nineteen towns have been burned, and the loss of property estimated at one hundred million dollars.

## CHRISTMAS.

Tell all the bells to ring;  
Tell old and young to sing,  
The Christ is born tonight!  
"On earth peace, goodwill toward men."  
Ring, ring, ring. Amen! Amen!

Oh, wonderful, wonderful sight!  
Jesus is born for us tonight;  
Bethlehem's Babe comes to each door—  
To yours, to mine, to rich and poor.  
Come in, come in, there is room for Thee  
In our heart and home and life to be.

Tell all the bells to ring  
Tell old and young to sing,  
The Christ is born tonight!  
"On earth peace, goodwill toward men."  
Ring, ring, ring. Amen! Amen!  
ANNE M. PRESCOTT.

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Doctor Sinclair gave a talk on the suppression of mosquitoes at the last meeting of the Red Cross Society, preliminary to the discussion by the society as to ways and means of making a campaign against them.

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It was getting cold in San Francisco when Mr. McInerny sailed, and he stated that Diamond Head looked mighty good to him when the grim old point loomed up through the mist the morning he arrived home.

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Bishop Restarick says that he finds all his church work in excellent order, his coworkers having carried on all activities with earnestness, zeal and success. He is glad to be home with his people and his work.

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Pauline Wayne III, the much-talked-of White House cow, has at last reached Washington and taken up her domestic duties as provider of milk and butter for President Tafts household. She came from the stock farm of Senator Isaac Stephenson of Wis-